

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of operating an image input scanner, the image input scanner including a first image scanning module (ISM) for recording images from a first side of each of a plurality of sheets in standard operation, and a second image scanning module (ISM) for recording images from a second side of each of a plurality of sheets in standard operation, the first ISM and the second ISM being arranged along a path, a tray disposed at a beginning of the path for retaining a stack of sheets for scanning by the first ISM and the second ISM, and a user interface operative associated with the image input scanner, comprising:

determining that an output of the first ISM is unsatisfactory;

communicating through the user interface an instruction to arrange the plurality of sheets in the tray in a predetermined orientation; and

recording the first side of each of the plurality of sheets with the second ISM.

2. The method of claim 1, the determining step including determining that the first ISM is not operational.

3. The method of claim 1, the determining step including determining that the first ISM is capable of outputting degraded image data.

4. The method of claim 3, further comprising communicating through the user interface that the first ISM is outputting degraded image data.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising determining that an output of the second ISM is unsatisfactory.

6. The method of claim 5, further comprising communicating through the user interface that the second ISM is outputting degraded image data.

7. A method of operating an image input scanner, the image input scanner including a first image scanning module (ISM) for recording images from a first side of each of a plurality of sheets in standard operation, and a second image scanning module (ISM) for recording images from a second side of each of a plurality of sheets in standard operation, the first ISM and the second ISM being arranged along a path, a tray disposed at a beginning of the path for retaining a stack of sheets for scanning by the first ISM and the second ISM, and a user interface operative associated with the image input scanner, comprising:

- determining that an output of the first ISM is unsatisfactory; and
- communicating through the user interface that the first ISM is outputting degraded image data.

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising

- communicating through the user interface an instruction to arrange the plurality of sheets in the tray in a predetermined orientation; and
- recording the first side of each of the plurality of sheets with the second ISM.

9. The method of claim 7, further comprising determining that an output of the second ISM is unsatisfactory.

10. The method of claim 9, further comprising communicating through the user interface that the second ISM is outputting degraded image data.